

WHAT IS CLAIMED IS:

1. A bioactive glass having a composition substantially comprising 30 to 60 mol % of CaO, 40 to 70 mol % of SiO₂, and 20 mol % or less of Na₂O.
- 5 2. The bioactive glass according to claim 1, further comprising CaF₂.
3. The bioactive glass according to claim 1, further comprising B₂O₃.
4. The bioactive glass according to claim 1, wherein said bioactive glass has a glass transition temperature of 790°C or lower.
5. The bioactive glass according to claim 1, wherein a difference
10 between its glass transition temperature and its crystallization initiation temperature is 80°C or more.
6. The bioactive glass according to claim 1, wherein said bioactive glass generates a β -wollastonite crystal at a crystallization temperature.
7. A bioactive glass having a composition substantially comprising
15 30 to 60 mol % of CaO, 40 to 70 mol % of SiO₂, and at least one of Na₂O, CaF₂ and B₂O₃, Na₂O being 20 mol % or less, CaF₂ being 1 mol %, and B₂O₃ being 5 mol % or less.
8. The bioactive glass according to claim 1, wherein said bioactive glass is substantially free from P₂O₅.
- 20 9. The bioactive glass according to claim 7, wherein said bioactive glass is substantially free from P₂O₅.
10. A sintered calcium phosphate glass comprising the bioactive glass recited in claim 1 as a sintering aid.
11. The sintered calcium phosphate glass according to claim 10,
25 wherein said sintered calcium phosphate glass comprises a calcium phosphate of a hydroxyapatite, a carbonated apatite or tricalcium phosphate.